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Soviet Troops in the Volga MD

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<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Saratov (N51-34, E46-02).	1948 to November 1949.	Barracks installation of several brick buildings.	About six km north- west of the main railroad station, in the woods south of the large radio station.	Occupied by a tank unit. Ten to 20 tanks left the installation in April 1949, each towing an AT gun.	Wooden summer houses for generals were under construction west of the radio station.
	1945 to August 1949.	1. Barracks instal- lation of several, three-story, red brick buildings and tank garages.	On the northern perimeter of the city, on top of a wooded slope.	Occupied by a tank unit which was predominantly equipped with T-34 tanks mounting 76.2-mm guns. Tank driving practice was conducted almost daily.	
		2. Barracks instal- lation of several three-story, red brick buildings, each about 100 meters long, and a drill field.	On the northern perimeter of the city, southeast of the barracks installation of a tank unit.	Soldiers wearing ruby colored epaulets without any branch-of-service in- signia were seen at the installation. Troops were trained with mortars and 76.2-mm AT guns in the billetting area.	
		3. Barracks instal- lation of two three- story yellow brick buildings, surrounded by a board fence.	On the northern perimeter of the city, near the tank repair plant.	Troops were trained with heavy mortars in the bar- racks yard.	
		4. Barracks instal- lation of three old buildings, several sheds, and a yard, surrounded partly	On the north- northwestern peri- meter of the city, on the southwest side of the road	The installation was re- ferred to by local residents as the Artillery Barracks. It was occupied by an artillery unit whose personnel	

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by a barbed-wire fence, and partly by a damaged board fence.

5. Barracks installation of two, three-story, yellow brick, buildings surrounded by a wire fence.

6. Large five-story, white barracks building.

7. Barracks installation of two brick buildings.

8. Barracks installation of two, large old red brick buildings in a yard.

9. Barracks installation of three, four-story, white brick buildings, and one apartment house.

to Atkarsk (N51-50, E45-00).

On the north-western perimeter of the city, east of the intersection of the road and railroad line to Atkarsk.

On a slope on the northwestern perimeter of the town, west of the main railroad station.

In the center of the city, several hundred meters east of the main railroad station.

In the southern sector of the city, about one km southeast of the freight station.

In the southeastern sector of the city.

wore crossed-gun-barrel insignia. Artillery pieces and heavy mortars were seen in the sheds.

Probably housed an officers' school, since numerous officers (mostly field officers) entered and left the installation.

In July 1949, it was occupied by 300 to 400 young men wearing civilian clothes. They were trained without arms.

Officer candidate school. Groups of well-disciplined soldiers carrying map-pouches were frequently seen marching out of the installation.

Occupied by a tank unit whose personnel wore tank insignia on their epaulets. Numerous trucks, but no tanks, were parked in the barracks yard.

Occupied by an MVD office. Numerous MVD officers and EM were observed. They wore red-bordered epaulets with the number 418-K-1.

A former school building and PW hospital.

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10. Military billets
of one three-story,
white brick building.

East of the rail-
road station.

Occupied by a military school.
Police students 18 to 20
years of age wearing blue
uniforms with silver braid
were repeatedly seen.

11. Military post
drill field.

On a slope on the
northwestern peri-
meter of the city.

On the drill field were
trenches with field forti-
fications. Units and
groups of officers were
engaged in training at all
times.

12. Barracks instal-
lation of five or six
large white brick
buildings with flat
roofs.

West of the Yel-
shanka (N50-10,
E45-24) Railroad
Station, about ten
km northwest of
Saratov.

Occupied by units which,
in 1948 and 1949, con-
ducted field practices near
the installation. They
were equipped with T-34
tanks mounting long-barreled
guns and heavy mortars.

1947 to
July 1948.

Barracks installation
of a large two-story
building, a wooden
ration supply shed,
a clothing shed, a
dispensary, a guard
house, a small arms
firing range, and
two airstrips.

In the southern
sector of the city,
about one km south-
east of the freight
station.

Occupied by Inf Unit No 418,
numbering 500 to 600 troops
who wore red epaulets with
the number 418. The unit
was equipped with rifles,
submachine guns and six or
seven heavy Maxim machine
guns. Some of the officers
were mounted. Lieutenant
Colonel Zaponik (fmu) was
the supply officer.¹

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Prior to
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1948.

Kologri-
vovka
(N51-14,
E45-15).

Summer of
1949.

Seliksa
(N53-12,
E45-18).

Prior to
November
1948.

Barracks installation
of five, two-story
brick buildings, each
about 80x20 meters.

Troop training
grounds.

1. Old artillery
range.

2. Military billets
in a former PW camp,
consisting of seven
low wooden barracks.

Near the village
of Rasboyschina,
12 km northwest
of the city.

A ravined plateau
in the Atkarsk-
Kologrivovka-
Idolga (N51-12,
E45-35) area.

Northeast of
Seliksa.

Several hundred
meters north of the
Seliksa railroad
station.

Occupied by a tank unit
of 500 to 800 troops.
Soldiers were repeatedly
seen training with about
20 T-34 tanks. Not less
than 500 canvas-covered
armored vehicles were
parked at a nearby lot
for two consecutive years.

The troop training ground
was occupied by units of
various branches of
service the year round.
Artillery troops were
predominant. Several
kolkhozy, operated by
troops, were located at
the troop training ground.
A barracks installation
of several large white
buildings was located
five to seven km west of
Idolga.

Until the fall of 1948,
the artillery range was
used for agriculture, but
was allegedly to be used
as an artillery range
again.

the camp was to be
occupied by Soviet
troops.

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Syryan
(N53-11,
E48-27).
December
1949.

1947 until
October
1948.

Barracks installation of a brick building about 100 meters long, and five or six large sheds; surrounded by a wire fence.

1. Barracks installation of two old multi-story brick buildings, each about 100 meters long, and several small garages. The installation was surrounded by a wire fence with watch-towers.

2. Barracks installation of six multi-story brick buildings, surrounded by two rows of barbed wire.

In the northeastern sector of the town, north of Freight Yard I.

In the eastern sector of the town, about 300 meters south of the MVD jail.

On the northern perimeter of the town, north of the main railroad station.

Occupied by a tank unit. 200 to 250 troops wearing tank insignia and several tanks and trucks were frequently observed leaving the installation. The troops were well disciplined.

Occupied by a tank officer school. Tank officer candidates were frequently seen at the installation.

The eastern barracks section quartered a tank unit, whose personnel wore black epaulets with tank insignia. While only a few tanks were seen in the billeting area, most of the tanks were obviously sheltered at the drill field northeast of the town. The western barracks section was occupied by air force soldiers wearing blue epaulets.

observed a camp occupied by a tank unit at the eastern exit of the town, in an angle formed by the road and the Syzran-Kuybyshev railroad line. Tanks were not observed.

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observed several hundred tanks in an area surrounded by a board fence with watch-towers. The tanks were partly covered with canvas.

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Area of
Kazan
(N55-45,
E49-08).

Fall of
1947.



Troop training ground with numerous low wooden barracks buildings and some brick buildings. A narrow-gauge track ran from there to the Kazan-Yoshkar-Ola (N56-37, E47-55) railroad line.

In a wooded area about 50 km north-west of Kazan.

Gun and rifle fire was heard from the troop training ground throughout the summer. The barracks installation there looked like a large town in the woods.

about 40,000 troops had been trained at the troop training grounds the year round during World War II.

[redacted] in addition to engineer and air force units, the 258th Inf Regt was stationed in Kazan in mid-1948.²

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Soviet Supply Installations in the Volga MD

<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Data on installation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Seliksa	August to November 1949.	Tank spare parts depot of four wooden warehouses, each about 25x10x5 meters, numerous wooden sheds, and earth bunkers. The installation had a railroad spur with a loading ramp about 150 meters long; surrounded by a wire fence.	In a wooded area between the Penza (N53-10, E44-51) road and the railroad, about one km east of the Seliksa railroad station. The station is located six to eight km west-southwest of the town of Seliksa.	The depot was headed by a colonel and was occupied by a guard unit of 150 to 200 troops wearing black epaulets with tank insignia. From August to November 1949, a train load of 40 to 50 axles arrived at the ramp almost every other day. Motors, caterpillar tracks, and various large boxes were observed to be unloaded. After November 1949, shipments arrived at longer intervals. A fuel depot, whose tanks could not be seen, was located close to the depot. Among others, motor vehicles of the air force units from the airfield (N53-16, E45-17) northeast of the railroad station were refilled there.	the spare parts depot had formerly been located in Gorkiy.

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Syzran

1947 to
October
1948.



1. Large supply depot of several rows of low wooden warehouses with large open-air storage sites between them. The depot was fenced in by a palisade lined with barbed wire, along which arc lamps and watchtowers had been erected.

In the eastern sector of the city, just west of the barracks installation referred to as tank officer school.

There were large piles of motor vehicle tires of various sizes, each pile being 30 to 40 meters high. There were also large stores of fuel drums which, judging from the way they were handled, seemed to be filled. Large boxes, about 100x50x30 cm in size, were once observed to be unloaded at the warehouses. Guard duty was performed by soldiers wearing dark-blue uniforms.

2. Ammunition depot which covered an area about 400 meters square. It consisted of numerous low wooden buildings surrounded by a double wire fence with watchtowers.

North of the main railroad station, near a large barracks installation.

Ammunition boxes were frequently observed being unloaded in front of the wooden warehouses.

3. Engineer equipment depot which covered an area about 500 meters square. It had wooden sheds scattered all over the area and large open-air storage sites; surrounded by a wire fence with watchtowers.

Just north of the freight yard, located in the north-western sector of the city.

Pontoons, assault boats, pneumatic rafts, cranes, and timber were stored in the open.

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Kazan
(N55-45,
E49-08)
area.

May 1950.

Fall of
1946.

1. Fuel depot with a railroad spur.

Northeast of the Derbyiskiy railroad station, on the Kazan-Sverdlovsk railroad line.

Numerous railroad tank cars were standing on the spur track which led into a wooded area. Large fuel containers were scattered over the sparsely wooded area about 300 meters from the main railroad line.

2. Ammunition dump with railroad spur.

20 to 25 km northeast of Kazan, on the northern side of the Kazan-Sverdlovsk railroad line.

Numerous large stores of various types of ammunition were seen over a wide area, several hundred meters north of the railroad trunk line. Several bunker-like constructions with concrete tops were also seen there.

Ordnance depot, about 300x1000 meters in size. It consisted of six large wooden warehouses, each about 50 meters long, and one three-story brick building.

In the woods northeast of the Derbyiskiy railroad station on the railroad line to Sverdlovsk.

New passenger cars, trucks, artillery pieces, and searchlights were seen in the depot area. Guard personnel wore blue-bordered red epaulets with the number K-254.

Comments:

2. The 258th Regt referred to here is an MVD regiment in Kazan

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